60. Improvement of means of communication in the pakuthies comprising the B. group of Chirayinkil Taluk.

Mr. K. P. Martandan Vaidyan (Member, Chirayinkil Taluk) began by saying that Government had been completely ignoring the needs of that group of villages in the matter of education and of means of communication. He first urged the necessity for improving the road from Warkala to Quilon *via* Nadayara with a small bridge across the Ayirur river and said that an estimate had been sanctioned for constructing a causeway on the river but the work had not been taken up for want of funds. In his opinion, a causeway would not meet the requirements of the public, and the construction of a bridge was highly necessary. The road from Warkala to Paripalli was in a very bad condition, being completely neglected by the P. W. department and should be improved at an early date.

The Member's next representation was regarding the conversion of the lane from the 5th mile stone near the Jnekkad H. G. V. School into a cart road for a distance of 3 miles from Chemmaruthi to its junction with the Ayirur road. The people had been agitating for it from 1075, and had already constructed a portion of the road passing through the Ayirur pakuthi. He requested that the portion already cut by the people might be taken over by Government for maintenance and that the remaining portion might be taken up for early construction. The people were prepared to give up the required lands free of compensation.

Dewan's reply.—The estimate for the causeway was sanctioned four years ago. Arrangements will be made to start this work soon. The other works will be considered.

61. Certain needs of the Quilon taluk in the matter of communication.

Mr. Vikraman Velayudhan Oonnithan (Member, Quilon Taluk) made the following suggestions in the matter of communication in the Quilon taluk:—

(*a*) Improvement of the village road from Thevallikadavu to Elamballur Satrom *via* Perinad. It was 8 miles in length, and the people of Perinad village experienced considerable difficulties for want of a cartable road and had been pressing for a road at the successive sessions of the Assembly, but without any effect; they had already completed the widening and improving of a portion of the road, and only wanted that the Government should take up the remaining portion.

(*b*) The opening of a road from Kallada to Sastancottah. There was already a road for a length of 4 miles, and what was wanted was only a continuation road for 1½ miles from Chittumala Kayal up to Kadapuzha Kadavu with a bridge or at least a junghar being provided at the crossing. The Member added that he was prepared to undertake the work at a less cost than the P. W. D., if it were given to him.

(*c*) The conversion into a cart road of the village road from the 6th mile, Quilon-Shencottah road to join the Kottarakara-Velinallur road at Puyapalli. There was already a foot path; if it was converted into a cartable road, it would be very useful to the public being only 6 miles in length.

Dewan's reply.—(*a*) I shall be glad to inspect the road in my next tour to Quilon and then see what can be done.

(*b*) An estimate will be called for. As the Member says that he can execute the work more cheaply than the P. W. D., the work will be given to him, if he is willing to undertake it.

(*c*) The Chief Engineer says that the work will cost more than fifty thousand rupees and so the work cannot be taken up now.

62. Needs of the Kartikapalli taluk in the matter of communications.

Mr. Aiyappan Krishnan (Member, Kartikapalli Taluk) represented the need for certain works and said that some of them had been pressed on the attention of Government even before the inauguration of the Popular Assemby and that, though

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estimates had been sanctioned, the works which were all costly could not be taken in hand for want of funds. He added that, compared with its area, Kartikapalli stood first in the matter of revenue, that they had been paying the new Settlement tax since 1072, that there were not more than 5 miles of metalled roads in the taluk, and that, in view of the difficulties experieneed by the people in the matter of communications, Government should take up the construction of the works at an early date. The works mentioned by the Member were:—

(1) metalling the road from Kayankulam to Thottapalli in the Quilon-Alleppey road;

(2) improvement of the following village roads between Kayankulam and Nangyarkulangara *viz.*, (a) road from Peruvallimatom in the Keerikad pakuthi up to the backwater, (b) road from south of Nanthiaseri up to the backwater, and (c) the road from the Cheppad church to the backwater. In regard to these, the Member observed that no lands need be acquired on payment of compensation and that it would be enough if the roads were metalled and a few culverts constructed;

(3) Metalling the road from Kartikapalli to Trikunnapuzha and constructing a bridge on the Kartikapalli canal;

(4) metalling the road from Haripad to Elanjimel;

(5) improving the Kartikapalli canal; and

(6) constructing a bridge in the place of the culvert on the Nangyarkulangara-Haripad road. There was a sanctioned estimate for constructing a 10 feet culvert; but in view of the width of the canal a small bridge should be constructed so as to admit of boats being taken with manure, &c., for agricultural purposes.

Dewan's reply.—The works referred to by the Member are all very costly, but the needs of the taluk will be specially borne in mind when the distribution of allotments is made at the time of the Budget.

The Assembly adjourned at 5-15 P. M.

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